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- 1 A. Sometimes.
- Q. Did you have the opportunity to see them
- 3 interact in court?
- 4 A. Yes. I had known Monica when she was
- 5 Mike's secretary in private practice before I was
- 6 elected, as well.
- 7 Q. Would you from time to time interact with
- 8 Ms. Daniel when she was working for Mike in his
- 9 private law practice?
- 10 A. Just on a professional basis.
- 11 Q. Did you ever, at any point in time, see
- 12 Mike Anderson do anything toward Monica Daniel which
- 13 you thought was improper or inappropriate?
- 14 A. I did not.
- 15 Q. Tell us about Mike as prosecutor. What did
- 16 you think of his abilities as prosecuting attorney?
- 17 A. He was a very good prosecutor. I think
- 18 he's probably the best prosecutor in our circuit.
- 19 This incident here that took place on December 18th,
- 20 2005, is pretty bad, I think, and it took him a while
- 21 to get going again. But I think he buckled down and
- 22 probably did a better job after that than he did
- 23 before.
- Q. When you say this incident that occurred on
- 25 December 18th, 2005, would you tell the ladies and Joann Renee Richardson
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- 1 or do anything like that?
- 2 A. Oh, no.
- 3 Q. Would you have allowed that to have
- 4 occurred?
- 5 A. Oh, no.
- 6 Q. Were you aware that Millie Williams had a
- 7 copy of the tape at the time you issued the subpoena?
- 8 A. I think that -- at the time I issued it,
- 9 no.
- 10 Q. Did you subsequently learn that she did?
- 11 A. Yes. Yes.
- 12 Q. How did you learn that she did?
- 13 A. I think Mike told me that. I don't know
- 14 when. At the time, I didn't know.
- 15 Q. Did you ever listen to the tape?
- 16 A. I did not.
- 17 Q. So I would be correct, as you sit here
- 18 today, you still don't know what was said or what
- 19 happened out there on the early morning hours of
- 20 December 18th; is that correct?
- 21 A. I do not. I didn't think it was my
- 22 business.
- Q. Did you feel that by issuing the subpoena,
- 24 which is marked here as Exhibit 15, you were in any
- 25 way violating Ms. Daniel's civil rights?
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- 1 that Millie Williams had told you that she had
- 2 discussed with Texas County Commissioner Linda
- 3 Garrett an incident that occurred on or about
- 4 December 18, 2005. Did Ms. Williams ever tell you
- 5 what she communicated to Commissioner Garrett?
- A. No. This conversation took place in my
- 7 office, when I answered Mr. Steelman's questions
- 8 about that little confrontation there, and Mr.
- 9 Anderson accused Millie of talking out of school on
- 10 him, if you will.
- 11 And she said, "I didn't talk." And he
- 12 said, "Yes, you did. You talked to Linda Garrett."
- 13 And she said, "Well, she's the commissioner." So I
- 14 didn't recall any particular questions other than
- 15 what happened, you know, that kind of thing.
- 16 Q. Okay. And to your understanding during the
- 17 time that you were serving as Associate Circuit Court
- 18 Judge for Texas County, Missouri, Ms. Garrett had no
- 19 supervisory authority over your courtroom staff, did
- 20 she?
- 21 A. No, she did not.
- Q. When Mr. Anderson asked you to execute the
- 23 criminal investigative subpoena that's been
- 24 identified as Plaintiff's Exhibit 15, was it your
- 25 understanding that this subpoena required the Joann Renee Richardson
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- 1 particularly broad in the area of requesting
- 2 investigatory subpoenas to assess whether the pursuit
- 3 of charges is appropriate?
- 4 A. I think that's a broad area. And as
- 5 vindicated, the case law seems to indicate it's a
- 6 broad area.
- 7 Q. And would it be accurate in your assessment
- 8 of Mr. Anderson's conduct in this case that you did
- 9 not find his request for the document -- excuse me --
- 10 the subpoena that's identified in the document
- 11 labeled Plaintiff's Exhibit 15, it was not your
- 12 impression that he was acting with any malice in his
- 13 pursuit of that?
- 14 A. Oh, no. No.
- 15 Q. And you obviously would not have granted
- 16 that subpoena if you believed that he was pursuing
- 17 that investigative subpoena with any malicious
- 18 intent?
- 19 A. True.
- MR. FRANKLIN: I have nothing further.
- MR. STEELMAN: I have nothing further.
- 22 MR. WATERS: That shall conclude the
- 23 deposition of the Honorable Brad Ellsworth. We're
- 24 now going off record.
- 25 (Off the record.)

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